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## **IN THE ABSTRACT**:

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The present invention relates to the finding that peptides derived from a specific domain of tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-α) can efficiently be used to treat oedema. More specifically, the present invention relates to the usage of peptides derived from the region of human TNF-α from Ser<sup>100</sup> to Glu<sup>116</sup> to treat pulmonary oedema. Moreover, the present invention concerns a circularized peptide having amino acid sequence CGQRETPEGAEAKPWYC (SEQ ID NO:4) which is very efficient in inducing oedema resorption.